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FOR YOUR INFORMATION,FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY WAS
DESPATCHED APRIL 5 TO SPEAKER O'NEILL AND SENATOR SPARKMAN:

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(C) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT, I
AM PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO
ISRAEL'S MILITARY OPERATIONS IN LEBANON THAT BEGAN ON MARCH
15. THOSE OPERATIONS HAVE INVOLVED USE OF DEFENSE ARTICLES
FURNISHED TO ISRAEL BY THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE FOREIGN
MILITARY SALES PROGRAM. SALES TO ISRAEL UNDER THIS PROGRAM

ARE GOVERNED BY A MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF
JULY 23, 1952, WHICH PROVIDES:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL ASSURES THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR SERVICES AS MAY BE
ACQUIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES...ARE REQUIRED FOR AND WILL
BE USED SOLELY TO MAINTAIN ITS INTERNAL SECURITY, ITS

LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE, OR TO PERMIT IT TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE DEFENSE OF THE AREA OF WHICH IT IS A PART, OR IN UNITED
NATIONS COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND MEASURES, AND
THAT IT WILL NOT UNDERTAKE ANY ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST
ANY OTHER STATE."

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I MUST REPORT THAT A VIOLATION OF THE
1952 AGREEMENT MAY HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE ISRAELI
OPERATIONS IN LEBANON.

WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT THESE OPERATIONS AND THE USE OF U.S.-ORIGIN
EQUIPMENT IN THEM. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT IT
INTENDS TO COMPLY WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425,
WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF
ISRAELI FORCES FROM LEBANON. WE ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN
DISCUSSING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THE
DATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF SUCH WITHDRAWAL.
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IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO
RESTORE MOMENTUM TO THE VITAL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND
ISRAEL'S ASSURANCE THAT IT INTENDS TO WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON,
I AM NOT RECOMMENDING TO THE PRESIDENT ANY FURTHER ACTION.

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